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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Relating to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Navajo Nation's Public Law 102-477 Plan

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0124-24

DATE: June 4, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATIONS' PUBLIC LAW 102-477 PLAN

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve the Navajo Nation's Plan to participate in the funding under Public Law 102-477.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTE REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—SECOND YEAR, 2024

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Primary Sponsor



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102-477 PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and serves as the oversight committee for the Division of Social Services. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A). Proposed legislations that are assigned to the Navajo Nation Council as final authority shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee for review and consideration. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Division of Social Services (the "Division") is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. 2 N.N.C. § 1651.

- 1 B. Public Law 102-477 is the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services
2 Demonstration Act, which was passed in 1992 and amended in 2000.
- 3 C. The goal of the law is to reduce unemployment through workforce development and
4 job training in tribal communities by reducing and streamlining administrative
5 requirements. Each participating tribe decides which eligible employment and training
6 related federal programs to include in its 477 plan.
- 7 D. Public Law 102-477 applies to any federal formula-funded program intended for
8 employment, training, and services that may enhance a person's ability to become self-
9 reliant.
- 10 E. For each tribe and tribal organizations with active 477 plans, the BIA conducts on-site
11 monitoring at least once every three years and, in coordination with affected agencies,
12 provides technical assistance related to audit findings or program activities. BIA will
13 notify affected agencies of the on-site monitoring activities. Affected federal partners
14 are invited to participate and notify the BIA of any issues or concerns so that they can
15 be addressed during the on-site review. BIA also conducts annual 477 Program
16 trainings at regional and national conferences for participating and non-participating
17 tribes. <https://www.doi.gov/ocl/tribal-477-programs>.
- 18 F. Twelve United States Executive Branch Departments have entered into a Memorandum
19 of Agreement ("MOA") for the submission, review, and approval of 477 Plans. This
20 MOA requires the 477 Plan to be approved by the governing body of the tribe.
- 21 G. The Division has submitted its 477 Plan which is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 22 H. The Department of Justice reviewed the 477 Plan submitted by the Division and
23 determined it to be legally sufficient. The Department of Justice's review documents
24 are attached as **Exhibit B**.

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26 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

27 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the 477 Plan, as detailed in Exhibit A, prepared by the
28 Division of Social Services.

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